

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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Re: United States of America v. Edward Christy, No. CR 10-1534 JB

Dear Counsel of Record:

As a follow-up to my letter of June 14, 2010, I want to bring a matter to your attention. I have, with my law clerks, reviewed the Judicial Code of Conduct and do not believe this matter requires me to recuse myself. I want, however, everyone to be fully informed about, and fully comfortable with, my participation in the case.

On the night of June 24, 2011, my middle son, Jake, attempted suicide again in New York. He has increased the number of his visits to his psychiatrist. He is also looking for a psychotherapist.

I believe that I can continue to be fair and impartial. If anyone, however, has any questions about the above, please let my Courtroom Deputy Clerk, K'Aun Wild, know, and we can perhaps have a conference. I have instructed Mrs. Wild not to tell me who may call. Best regards.

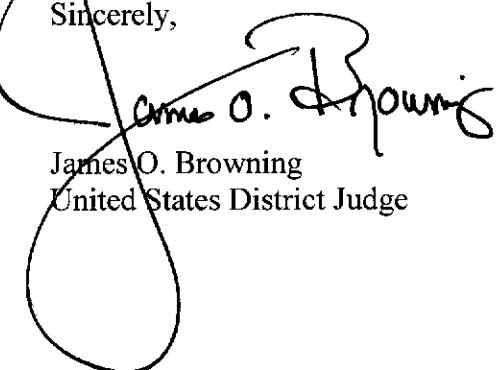
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Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James O. Browning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "James" on top, "O." in the middle, and "Browning" on the bottom. There is a large, faint, circular watermark or stamp visible behind the signature.

James O. Browning
United States District Judge